

Policy Advisory Council
December 10, 2014
Minutes

MTC's Draft 2015 Public Participation Plan

Legislation and Public Affairs Principal Ellen Griffin presented MTC's Draft 2015 Public Participation Plan, which was released November 7 for a 45-day public comment period. The Council asked clarifying questions and had the following comments:

- Concern was expressed that a regional equity working group is not planned for this next phase/update of Plan Bay Area. The separation of the equity work from the Regional Advisory Working Group allows for a more manageable discussion around complex topics, and gives an opportunity for organizations that work with and represent the needs of low-income communities and communities of color to be able to delve deeper into and fully understand the equity issues related to Plan Bay Area.
- A suggestion was made that MTC add live video streaming of its public hearings as part of the Public Participation Plan, as well as the possibility of a “call-in” conference setup to allow individuals to type their questions in from their computers remotely to be answered by the presenters at a hearing or workshop.

Chair Baker urged the Council to read MTC's Draft 2015 Public Participation Plan thoroughly, if they have not yet had a chance to do so. She also highlighted Appendix A as a key component of the Plan because it lays out a clear work plan with benchmarks that will be brought back before the Council for input.

Ms. Griffin informed the Council that MTC has done several rounds of public participation plans and has evaluated and learned from the process. She mentioned that she will pass along the Council's comments for consideration.

During public comment, Mr. Bukowski **offered to share a transcript** from MTC's 2002 Public Involvement Process with the Council as a way to see what recommendations were followed in the past and for what reasons.